

# **Types of Harm from Privacy Invasions**

### • Physical

Discovery of identity or location leads to *assault* and worse

• Psychological

Closed doors, drawn curtains, 'jumping for joy'; loss of control over one's life, *image*, and *respect*, undermining social cohesion

• Economic

<u>Stifling</u> of non-conformist, risk-taking, *inventive and innovative behaviour*, undermining cultural, scientific and economic change

• Political

Embarrassments, stigmas; self-repression (the <u>'chilling effect'</u>); political <u>repression</u>; a reduced pool of political contributors

• Philosophical

Autonomy, *self-determination*, human dignity, personal integrity



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## **Privacy Protection**

- Privacy is one interest among many
- Privacy may conflict with other interests:
  - of the person themselves
  - of another person
  - of a group or community
  - of an organisation
  - of society as a whole
- Privacy Protection is a process of finding appropriate balances between privacy and multiple competing interests

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# **Kinds of Privacy Safeguards**

- Legal
  - Laws
  - Codes
  - Standards
  - 'Guidelines'
- Organisational
  - Policies, Procedures, Practices
  - Training
  - Incident and Complaints Systems
- **Technical** 'Privacy-Enhancing Technologies' (PETs)

## An Advocacy Organisation to Represent People's Privacy Interests

- To sustain and improve privacy safeguards
- To focus public attention on emerging issues and technologies that affect privacy
- By means of:
  - Research
  - Awareness
  - Media
  - Campaigns
  - Education

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## **Some Recent Activities**

• Government Disasters



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- OAIC's 'Guide to Securing Personal Information' (Way too weak, sets no baseline)
- COVID Contact Tracing App ('COVID<u>Un</u>Safe')

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• Unis' Surveillance of Employees' Social Media



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• Online Exam Invigilation / 'Proctoring' / Surveillance

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